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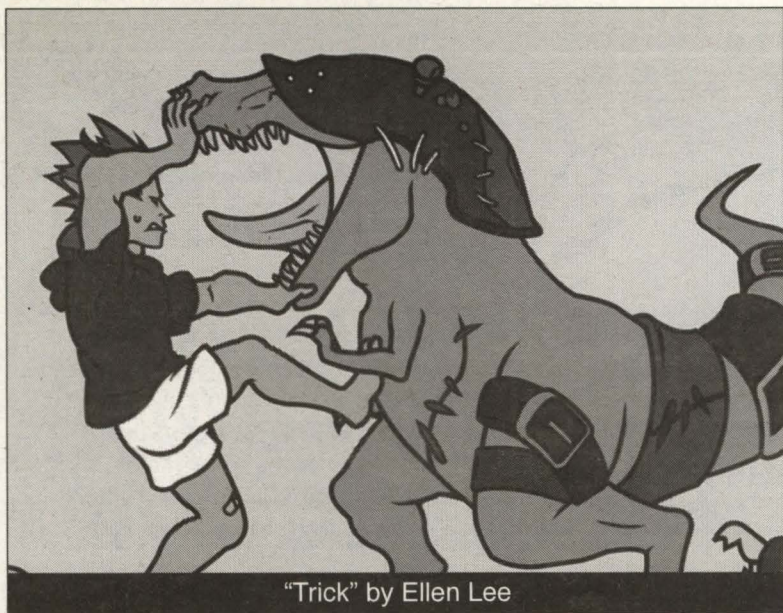
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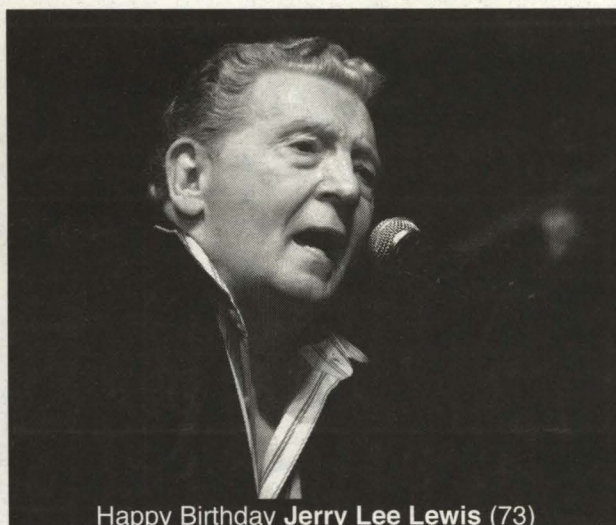
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## On Ernie Anastos and chickens



**Liam Britten**  
editor in chief

**W**ell, I guess the whole world knows who Ernie Anastos is now.

Anastos, a local newscaster with a Fox affiliate in New York, became YouTube famous this past week for his live, unscripted banter with a weatherman during the nightly newscast.

"It takes a tough man to make a tender forecast, Nick," Anastos said to weatherman Nick Gregory.

"I guess that's me," Gregory replied sheepishly.

"Keep on fuckin' that chicken," Anastos said, to the horror of his female co-anchor and the awkward laughter of Gregory.

"Okay, I'll do that," Gregory replied, despite the fact that his brain had undoubtedly exploded by this point.

Pretty amazing, eh? Not only did Anastos cuss on live TV, but the phrase he chose was just baffling; "Keep on fuckin' that chicken?" What does that even mean? Gregory certainly had no clue, because he agreed to continue to continue "fuckin' that chicken."

Then again, if he did know what it meant, that makes Nick Gregory a sick, sick man.

Anastos wasn't done after his advice for Gregory on sex life. The station was going to commercial break and the anchors were doing "teasers" for the stories they would report on after the break, one of which was a story about how moms can stay fit. Needless to say, Anastos had to offer his two cents.

"Hey, look at you, looking good out there," Anastos said lecherously as footage of his female co-anchor and an aerobics instructor played. I'm surprised he didn't have any advice for her; which barnyard animal should she "keep on fuckin'," Mr. Anastos?

I guess Anastos must have known

that his career was done after his initial comments, and he just thought, "Hell, I'm on TV, I'm already screwed, I might as well make the most of this. I've already dropped an F-bomb, I might as well tell my co-anchor I think she's hot."

Turns out Anastos' career wasn't over after these mind-bogglingly poor choices in his banter. He apologized the next day and he's still at the Fox affiliate in New York. And you know what? Good for him. Saying "fuck" on live television shouldn't ruin a career; harmless stupidity rarely does. People might have written in, complained, told the affiliate what a bad influence he was on the children but good on the affiliate for sticking by their idiot.

Why? Because if anything, Anastos set a good example to the children. Anastos never backed down from his initial mistake; he *owned* that mistake, and even upped the ante by making borderline sexist comments immediately afterwards. He bold, decisive, he went balls out with his idiocy, and never looked back. He went all in, damned the torpedoes and took the football of poor taste into the end zone of disgrace. He was a moron, yes; but a moron we can all be proud of.

I, personally, resolve to live my life more like Ernie Anastos. I resolve to make all my mistakes with a middle finger in the air and a smile on my face. Because, let's face it; we all screw up. But unless you're having fun doing it, you're just screwing up your screw ups.

So, Mr. Anastos, keep on doing what you're doing. Keep on teaching the children what's what. Keep on being bold. And most importantly, Mr. Anastos, keep on fuckin' that chicken.

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**Cuts to B.C. social services ridiculous**

**I** was quite astounded last night while watching the news. First there was a report on the termination, for lack of funding, of a program in New Westminster that paired social workers with police and which prevented violence against women in domestic disputes. This was followed by the revelation that

several B.C. crown corporations were spending \$1.4 million to buy tickets for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Is there something wrong with my TV set? Or could it possibly be with the way this province is governed?

—Larry Kazdan



## Children's movie filmed in New Westminster

By Garth McLennan, Acting Staff Reporter

New Westminster is currently playing host to the filming of *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, a children's movie based on a book series written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney.

Production teams for the movie could be seen setting up and designing realistic snow banks for various sets on the movie, despite it being a hot September day.

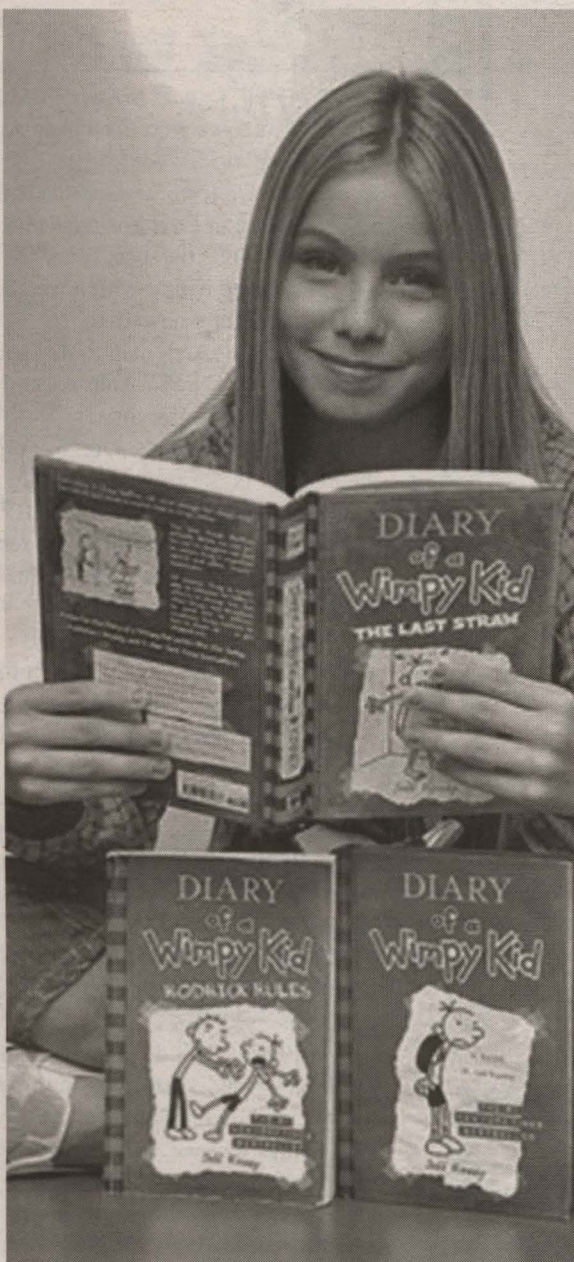
The movie is due to be released in theatres on April 2, 2010. It is produced by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox and is being directed by Thor Freudenthal (*Hotel for Dogs*) and stars a number of little-known child actors, including Zachary Gordon and Chloe Mortez. It also features Richmond's Samantha Page, 11.

So far, Kinney has released three *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* novels, with a fourth due out in October and a concluding fifth volume planned for a publishing sometime in 2010. The series follows the middle school life of character Greg Heffley (played by Gordon).

The bulk of New Westminster shooting has been done so far on the 200 block of Second Street, with mobile dressing rooms set up in the heart of Queens Park beside the baseball stadium.

While Vancouver is regularly known as Hollywood North, New Westminster has its own history of film projects as well, although they generally tend to be of a lower budget and stature than their counterparts. *The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause*, starring Tim Allen and Martin Short, was filmed here in 2006. Earlier this year another children's movie, *The Tooth Fairy*, was filmed on Queens Avenue. It is set for release in January 2010 and stars Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Billy Crystal.

New Westminster also is regularly home to shooting for a number of television shows like *Fringe*, *Smallville* and *Supernatural*. Queens Park and Friendship Gardens are their typical filming locations, although *Smallville* has shot all over New Westminster.



## Douglas College Wrap-Up

By Kristina Mameli and Liam Britten

### Deadline for fall awards and bursaries Oct 1

The deadline to apply for Douglas College awards and bursaries is October 1. These awards and bursaries are an opportunity for the community to financially aid Douglas students through the Douglas College Foundation and the Financial Aid Office.

Some of the awards are restricted to certain programs or students involved in the community but most are general.

For a complete listing of awards and bursaries, visit <http://www.douglascollege.ca/calendar/general-information.html>.

Fill out an online application at <http://registrar.douglas.bc.ca/>.

### Douglas College says goodbye to Susan Witter

Although she's been retired for a month now, it was only last week that Douglas College truly said goodbye to former president Susan Witter.

On Wednesday, September 23, a dinner function was held for Witter in the newly renovated cafeteria of the New West Campus. Many members of the College community were in attendance, as well as dignitaries such as Mayor Richard Stewart of Coquitlam and Mayor Wayne Wright of New Westminster.

The function was an opportunity for those who knew Witter to honour her and say goodbye, and there was even a video camera set up by CEIT staff member Chris McDowell for guests to record goodbyes to Witter.

"We've seen the College grow phenomenally under the 12 years of her leadership, we've seen 400 new bursaries and scholarships added under her watch," said College Board Chair Andrew Taylor. "We want to celebrate Susan's lifelong commitment to accessibility and to students. We want to celebrate her achievements here at the College."

Taylor added that he will particularly remember Witter as a proponent of those who struggled and someone willing to "fight for the underdog."

## Harper to make good on promise to pull troops out of Afghanistan by 2011

Obama calls on allies to send more troops to the region.

By Kristina Mameli, Acting News Editor

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said that Canada will remain firm in its decision to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan by 2011 despite a recent NATO report urging allies to send more troops to the war-torn region.

Harper noted that by 2011, the allies will have been in Afghanistan almost as long as they were in both World Wars combined.

General Stanley McChrystal's 66-page report was sent to U.S. defence secretary Robert Gates at the end of August. The report said that the situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating, and that success will not be guaranteed even if more troops and resources are sent.

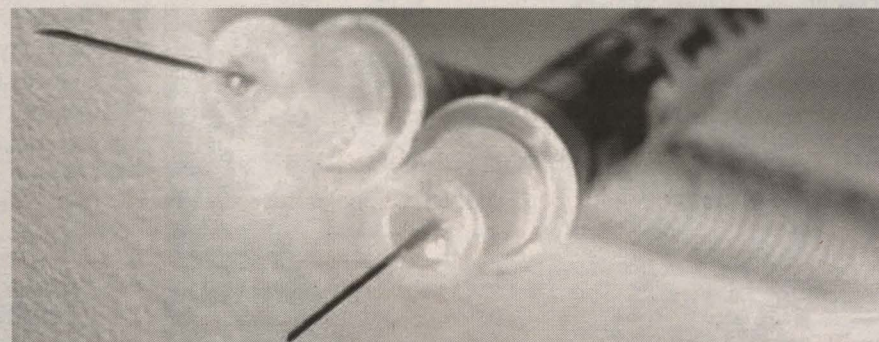
McChrystal, who has been working on the report since President Barack Obama commissioned it in June, also warned that lack of resources could mean an extended conflict and loss of support in Afghanistan and NATO countries. McChrystal commands 103,000 NATO troops, and Obama has already ordered an additional 21,000 this year.



There are currently over 2,800 Canadian troops in Afghanistan's Kandahar province and Harper said Canada will focus on putting more resources towards development and humanitarian aid and less on security as Canada slowly withdraws from the country.

## Could we be close to an HIV/AIDS vaccine?

Promising results in Bangkok indicate we're a step closer



By Kristina Mameli, Acting News Editor

Thai and American scientists have been testing a vaccine in Thailand that appears to have reduced the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS by 31 per cent. The promising results have not yet been published, but as the scientific community watched with baited breath, the results of the three year study were revealed Thursday.

Researchers tested a combination of two vaccines, ALVAC and AIDSVAX, neither of which have been effective in individual trials. More than 16,000 HIV negative Thai men, women and children were followed for three years after being vaccinated. All of the studies participants

were given condoms, counselling and treatment for any STI's contracted during the trial. They were also tested for HIV every six months and were given free medication if they contracted the disease.

New infections resulted in 51 of the 8,197 people given the vaccine and in 74 of the 8,198 given the placebo. Hoping to see a 50 to 60 per cent reduction, researchers achieved a 31.2 per cent.

The results are still extremely encouraging after more than 20 years of relatively unsuccessful experimentation.

The United Nations estimates that worldwide 7,500 people are infected with HIV every day.

Details of the study are expected to be announced in October.



## Ice back in at New West arena



By **Garth McLennan**, Acting Staff Reporter

**A**fter being out for the summer lacrosse season, the ice has once again returned to New Westminster's historic Queens Park Arena. A hard wood floor is typically installed each year to accommodate the city's various lacrosse programs, many of which are based out of the arena.

The ice is usually put back in at the beginning of September, but that was delayed several weeks by the Mann Cup lacrosse finals, which ran from September 4-12. The finals featured the eventual champion Brampton Excelsiors who defeated the hometown New Westminster Salmonbellies in a tight seven-game series.

New Westminster has an extensive minor hockey program, running teams at varying levels of

competitiveness at the tyke, atom, peewee, bantam, midget and juvenile stages, all playing regularly out of Queens Park. A number of senior hockey teams also practice and play there. The arena is used seven days per week at almost all times.

Queens Park Arena has a long history in New Westminster and has been home to numerous championship lacrosse and hockey teams over the years. 24 Mann Cups (the highest championship in lacrosse) and four Western Hockey League titles, including two Memorial Cup national championships in the 1970's by the New Westminster Bruins major junior hockey club have been won at Queens Park.

The arena was built in 1930 and has been renovated several times since then, with the most recent in 2001 with the dressing rooms being rebuilt. Queens Park Arena seats 3,500 people with standing room also available.

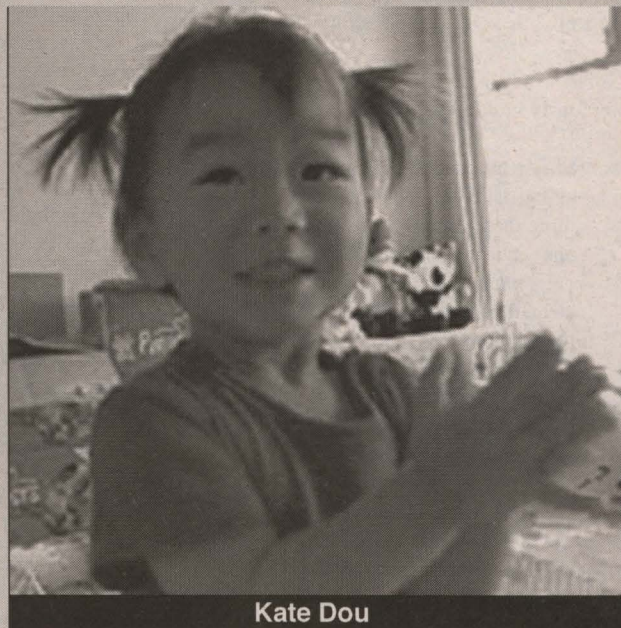
## News Shorts

By **Kristina Mameli**

### Burnaby toddler a hero

Kate Dou, a 21 month old, helped prevent the spread of a fire in her apartment building last week. Dou woke her parents Sunday morning by imitating the sound of the fire alarm blaring in the apartment below.

Firefighters found a man overcome by smoke inhalation in the apartment building at Willingdon Avenue and Imperial Street, a pot burning on his stove. Thanks to Dou, they arrived just in time. The man has since been released from hospital.



**Kate Dou**

### Killer loose in Coquitlam

Terrance Scott Geisbrecht, a 46-year-old paranoid schizophrenic killer was released on a day pass from Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Coquitlam, but did not return by his 10 p.m. curfew. In 2004, he killed two men in Fort St. John but was found not criminally responsible and sent for treatment at the facility.

He is described as a six-foot-two, 265 pound Caucasian with dark brown hair and eyes and was last seen wearing jeans, a jean jacket, a black and green shirt and black shoes. He has the potential for violent behaviour and anyone who sees him is asked to immediately call 911.

## Vancouver Public Library revisits decision to cancel suicide class for terminally ill

Board advises staff to reconsider Exit International's how-to workshop



**Kristina Mameli**  
acting news editor

**T**he Vancouver Public Library has been urged to reconsider a decision to ban Australian right-to-die group Exit International's how-to workshop on suicide. The group was banned from presenting the workshop after it and a public meeting were originally approved by the library.

The workshop would educate people in detail on how to commit suicide. Dr. Philip Nitschke of Exit International admitted that the workshop is the subject of controversy and maintained that for this reason it is restricted to the terminally ill and those over the age of 55.

The decision came after city librarian Paul Whitney received legal and police

advice which said that allowing the workshop to go ahead could be interpreted as encouraging people to kill themselves, which directly contravenes Section 241 of the Criminal Code. Section 241 states that aiding or counselling anyone to commit suicide is an indictable offence, which, if convicted, could hold a maximum sentence of 14 years, whether a suicide takes place or not.

The library's board advised Whitney to seek further legal advice Wednesday and present his findings in two weeks.

Nitschke does not think that Exit International's workshop contravenes the Criminal Code and is hoping the library's decision will be overturned.

The public meeting and workshop were scheduled for November 3.





## Students and money

### Entertainment on a budget

#### Student clothing

By Grace Neptuno

Your little treats such as those Gucci sunglasses, Coach bags and your jewel-encrusted iPhone may have been a regular fixture when you were living at Mom and Dad's house, but you're on your own now and that means you can't afford to live in Rock & Republic style while making Gap wages.

Not to worry, here's some ways to still live fabulously broke in this city.

1. **Stay well groomed:** Guys and girls, nothing says pauper more than a shabby, unkempt appearance. You don't need to get a manicure everyday but clean hair, clean clothes and little to no smell does more for your appearance than wearing all the designer duds any day.
2. **Body clutter:** The best way to save money on clothes? Not having to replace your current clothes with bigger sizes. Sure we have a snug fit once in a while but packing on those "student stress pounds" wreaks havoc on your clothing budget. Clear out your body clutter by maintaining an exercise routine thereby minimizing your clothing replacement allowance.
3. **Shop sales:** Who doesn't love a bargain? Finding the right outfit amongst the sales racks is not only
4. **Wear it out:** Unless you're an Olympic track and field champion, your running shoes do not need replacing every week. The same with purses.
5. **Wait a little while:** Did you know that just by waiting another three weeks, that new season sweater you're eyeing up will definitely go on sale by at least 15 per cent? Wait just another week and the price lowers even more. The great thing about waiting before you buy is that the outfit will still be in season and you'll have paid significantly less for it. Patience is definitely a virtue of value.
6. **Clothing exchange:** Get your friends together at the end of each season for a clothing exchange. Everyone brings their best pieces and trades off with each other. You get new additions to your wardrobe for free.
7. **Accessorize:** Buying the whole outfit can be costly. Buying new accessories however, can be a cost-effective way of stretching your fashion dollars. Pair up your classics with a new necklace or earrings, adding new life to your wardrobe.
8. **Born Again:** Some consignment stores feature relatively top-end clothing. Shops such as Front

& Company on Main Street and Mintage on Commercial Drive stock designer labels, samples, previously loved clothing and even some new up-and-coming designer items.

9. **Develop a touch of class not a sense of style:** While wearing the latest trends can be fun, it works better for you in the long run to build a wardrobe based on classic pieces. Daniel Craig, Audrey Hepburn, Jackie-O, just a few names who have a reputation for being well dressed in classic pieces, without all the over-the-top trendiness.
10. **Pssst...no one can tell:** This one's simple. A white t-shirt from Versace looks the same as an Old Navy white t-shirt. The differences are too subtle to notice, no matter what anyone tells you. A shirt is a shirt. You

will still spill the same pasta sauce on it. Only one will be easier on your wallet to just toss.

Finally, decide if that outfit is something that's necessary or just something that passes the time. If you really need a new winter coat, by all means get one. Do you really need a new pair of Ed Hardy's to go with your new Ed Hardy wallet and belt? No you don't. You don't have to look shabby as a student, but spending your rent money on overpriced bags and shoes may result in you needing that winter coat after all. Smart students save their money on things that matter. The thing to do is think about what matters to you: looking expensive or looking smart.

Next week in *Students and Money*: transportation



## Douglas vs. Douglas

The security of a structured program beats the uncertainty of "taking courses"

By Jennifer Markham

This is my fourth year at Douglas. I took a peppering of courses to get a two-year Associate of Arts degree, which I finished in three. My goal was to eventually transfer to SFU and finish an elementary teaching degree.

my family. I am still working on learning all 30 names, but I know that I have two years to do it. That's another difference; I feel more connected to the school because my courses are all set in stone to complete the program. Attendance is mandatory. I've got a locker. There is a room just for people in Print Futures and I've even applied

**"There's a certain sense of security that I feel that I just didn't find taking general courses."**

After hanging out weekly with a large group of children in my first year, I decided that really wasn't for me. As I appeared to be finishing my degree, I was actually wandering around aimlessly looking for direction. I stumbled across the Print Futures program while taking creative writing courses, which I really enjoyed. After ruling out the extra five to six years it would take me to be a sign language interpreter, I applied for the program and got in ending up back here at Douglas this September.

Although I'm still parking in the same place and buying my books at the same store, being in a specialized program has completely changed my educational experience. I've only been in the program for two weeks, but I already hang out with my fellow students more than with

to be a student ambassador.

There's a certain sense of security that I feel that I just didn't find taking general courses. All of a sudden my teachers talk with each other and even socialize. My classmates are in all of my same courses and therefore face the same hardships, challenges and deadlines. As well as being very individual and different, we are also finding that we share some of the same past-times, hobbies and guilty pleasures. I'm sure as the semester trudges forward we will share early mornings, deadline induced panic and pub nights.

To other students lacking in direction, I highly recommend specializing in a program. To my classmates, provide wed survive, our future looks great!





## Autumn, a time for new beginnings



By Sophia Boccagni

September roars into our lives, bursting with activity, not only for those returning to school, but for everyone else returning from summer holidays or weekend getaways. It's a time of new beginnings—for us, a new school year, new notebooks, new projects; community groups meet regularly once more after a two-month hiatus and our beloved Canucks return filling fans hearts once again with hope.

Even at the beginning of the month, some of the leaves have started to change colour, fallen leaves litter driveways and curbs. By the end of September, we're fully into fall, and negotiating that weird wardrobe conundrum of having to dress warmly in the mornings, but not wanting to lug heavy jackets in hot afternoons. Fall is the time for cozy warm sweaters and thick warm socks, when it's hard to get out of bed because it's too cold in the morning, and when we choose flannel pyjamas at night.

Around the Fall Equinox, the moon shines bigger and brighter, and shorter days show off its brilliance in dark, crispy cool evenings. That Harvest Moon tells us scarcity is gone for now, we have plenty, and yes we will make it through the dark, cold winter months. This abundance shouts "Death to the Red Hag!"—the personification of starvation—and for that we're grateful.

Many cultures mark the abundance of autumn with a holiday: Rosh Hashanah, which was on September 21 this year, is a Jewish festival celebrating the new year; the Mid-Autumn or Moon Festival is a Chinese holiday, celebrated on October 3 this year; and in Canada we celebrate Thanksgiving

on the second Monday of October.

It's the time of preservation, getting ready for winter, and fall fairs abound throughout the Lower Mainland. Summer's laziness has abated along with the humidity. And we're full of energy to prepare for winter, whether it's by lining our cupboards with jams and chutneys or filling our freezers with produce.

Food, food, food: home-style cooking celebrates our abundance and to honour it, we eat, and eat to the point of discomfort

. And that's okay a few times a year; although sometimes we celebrate our abundance of food every single day.

There is no scarcity

for the average North American and our waistlines are proof of that.

Corn mazes delight children as well as adults, who are happy to get lost together. We go on pumpkin patch tours and carve pumpkins simply or elaborately. Decisions about turkey need to be made: fresh,

organic, stuffed, size, and whose oven it'll roast in. It always comes back to the food.

Homestyle cooking is

comforting. We know we like the dishes, the tastes are familiar, our expectations are usually met and the unmet ones become lore for following years and the annual tradition marks the year. It's not only food that gets us through the winter months, but our kith and kin as well. At my house, Canadian Thanksgiving was an event for the non-Canadians among our family friends. Especially those people who had no family to return to. Thanksgiving gave us a reason to create our own community of friends in lieu of family.

All these rituals and celebrations help us get through the dark months ahead, constant reminders that the seasons will turn again, the sun will return, and spring will bloom anew.

**"Yellow autumn moon ...  
unimpressed the scarecrow stands  
simply looking bored"**  
—Kobayashi Issa

**"So enviable ...  
maple leaves most glorious  
contemplating death"**  
—Kagami Shiko

## Get rid of your mirrors

By Shoshana Berman, Opinions Editor

If you are having a bad day or feeling down about how you look, get rid of your mirrors and don't even consider reading a magazine.

Before we had mirrors we only knew what others thought of how we looked. If our lovers thought our eyes looked like limpid pools, we took their word for it. Now we peer in the bathroom looking glass illuminated by bright overhead florescent lights at our every blemish. Some hotel bathrooms even come equipped with magnifying mirrors that let you examine every pore in detail.

I've always marveled at young girls who constantly preen and fix their make-up. I usually think they look better before or at best the same after this ritual.

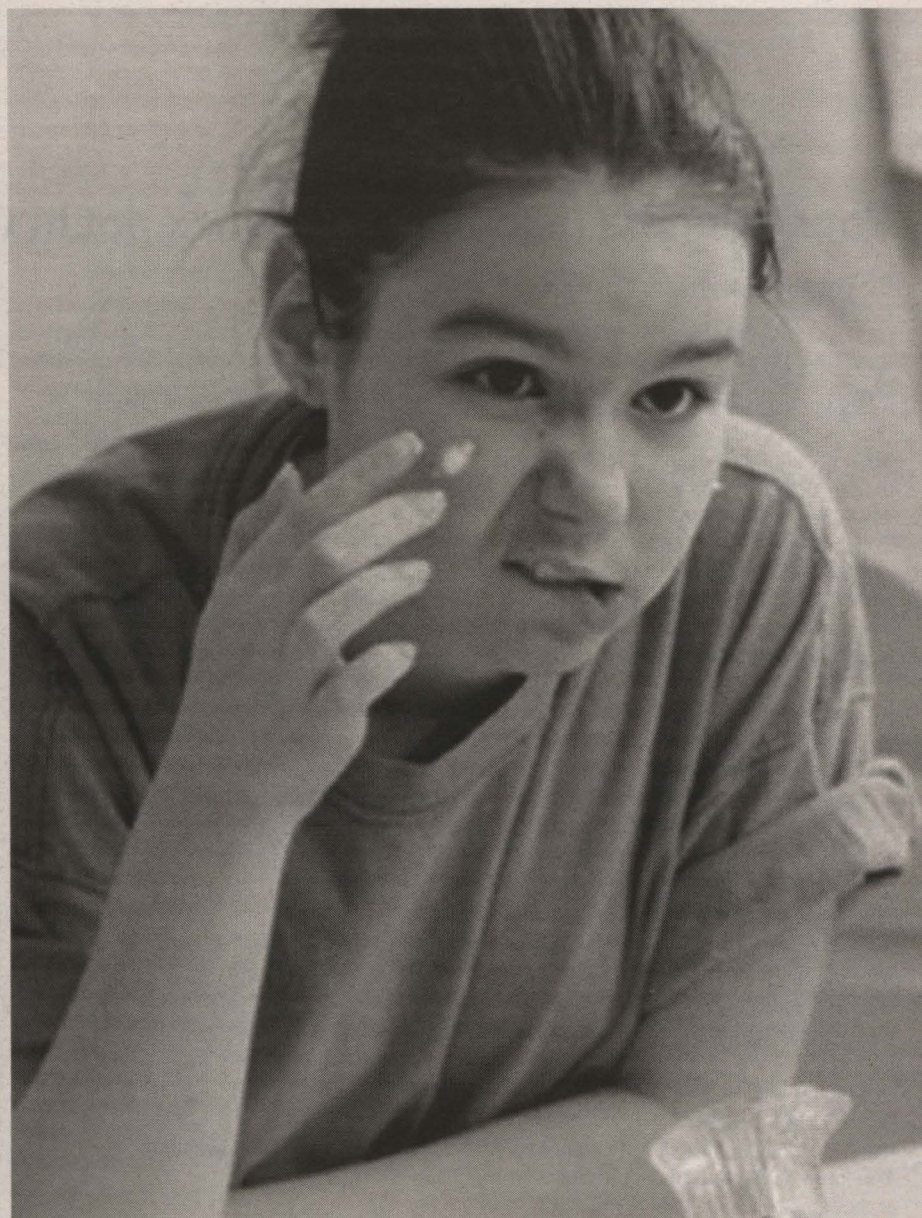
I went to visit family in the U.S. once and their condo was filled with mirrored glass, the walls, the doors, about half the surfaces in the entire place. I could watch myself sleep, dress, shower, eat etc. In fact, I couldn't avoid watching myself do these things. There was no escape and I felt like I looked terrible the entire time. When I came home to my one rectangular mirror at chest height that I only look into if I want to, about twice a day, I felt much better.

Never ever read fashion magazines, they will make you feel fat. Even other magazines will make you feel not quite up to par. *Martha Stewart Living*, *O*, *Us Weekly*,

*Hello*, etc will all just make you feel less beautiful than the beautiful people. That's why we can't help ourselves from looking at the photos of stars cellulite or bad hair days, or should I say, hair-like-the-rest-of-us days.

The French government is even considering legislation that would mandate that a health warning must accompany all altered photos. As reported in the *Metro News* on September 22, French Parliamentarian Valerie Boyer stated that, "These images can make people believe in a reality that does not exist." Under this law, all enhanced photos would have to be tagged with "Photograph modified to alter the visual appearance of a person." Katie Couric was made 20 pounds thinner in all the promotional materials for her news anchor position, not to mention air brushed after hair, makeup, lighting and hundreds of photos to choose from. Kelly Clarkson was made significantly thinner for a magazine cover without her permission. Keira Knightly was given breasts for the Pirates of the Caribbean posters, again not something she had agreed to. In real life, these people look an awful lot like you and me.

So next time you want to know if you look nice, instead of asking your friend or partner, "Does this make me look fat?" just wear what feels good put on a big smile, and take their word for it. You look great. Always remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder and all cats are grey in the dark.







## Putting a dent in Trash Island



By Trevor Dore

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, floats a manmade "trash island," covering an area twice the size of Texas. The various ocean currents carry fishing nets, plastic bottles, plastic bags and various other bits and pieces from the Pacific Coasts of North America and South East Asia to this central location on the edge of the North Pacific Gyre.

Charles Moore, an environmentalist, discovered the island in 1997. It is estimated that 100,000 marine mammals die each year as a result of eating or being entangled in the debris. This is a frightening statistic and some think that the island has become too big.

There is good news, though; a group of scientists, inventors, sailors, and environmentalists have implemented Project Kaisei. The project gets its name from the Japanese word for "ocean planet" and is supported by Ocean Voyages Institute, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and

Brita. The plan is to remove 40 tonnes of the estimated 6 million tonnes of trash in an experimental pilot project.

The project involves a ship anchored next to the vortex, acting as a floating processing plant. The team plans to test different methods of retrieving and processing the trash.

Until recently, some plastics were not recyclable; however, thanks to new technology, there is now an option for transforming these plastics into fuel. The initial idea is for the ship to convert the plastic into diesel to fuel its own operation. If all goes well, Project Kaisei will act as a prototype for further processing in waterways that are polluted with recyclable debris worldwide.

The talented people at National Geographic plan on documenting the entire experience. Hopefully the project will raise awareness, inspire coastal clean ups and individual reduction of plastics consumption as well as get people to start looking at new ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.

## Your Boogers belong in a Kleenex not in the sink.

By Shoshana Berman, Opinions Editor

So, after being terrorized into believing we were all going to contract H1N1 and die as soon as school resumed, I was most relieved to see the new Purell hand sanitizers on campus. My experience with the bathroom closest to the cafeteria however has not been as reassuring. The second day of school when I went to the washroom and tried to wash my hands afterwards there was no soap. *No soap!* Need I remind Douglas College that the only thing preventing us from all contracting H1N1 and dying is washing our hands whenever we have a free moment? Oh yeah, that and the hand sanitizers.

I stayed away from that bathroom for a few days after that because I don't want to die. The next time I ventured back to this particular ladies room, what awaited me as I again tried to stave off death by washing my hands? I looked down as I wet my hands and lo and behold in the sink was the longest, nastiest, slimy green booger you have ever seen. This thing was two inches long and I had to look at this piece of snot for a whole 20 seconds of hand washing, because I don't want to die. You know that repulsed and fascinated at the same time state when you can't

take your eyes off something that is gross? This was perhaps the longest 20 seconds of my life. Here I was diligently trying to prevent us all from dying and the whole time I can't help but picture some young woman, walking up the sink and just blowing her nose right into the basin. I mean, how is that possible? I don't even know how women squat over the toilet without touching it and get pee everywhere, another gross bathroom practice, far less these nasal gymnastics. This was really just too much for me to wrap my imagination around although I did keep trying. I think the technical term for this mind trap is attraction-repulsion complex.

So please to save me from mental paralysis in my very loaded semester, don't hork in the sink. This is the *ladies room*, people. The person who did this was no lady! To this booger-horking-in-the-sink female lout, I'm going to tell you something your mother obviously forgot. Your boogers belong in a Kleenex! I just hope that wasn't an H1N1 booger with that poor woman in her death throes at the sink with no soap anywhere in sight, because then I'd feel really badly about getting upset with her.

Does anyone know where there's a hand sanitizer?





# WORD ON THE STREET

Have you heard about Douglas College handing out smoking tickets? Should Douglas be handing them out? By Rosa Hong, Photographer



Jennifer Lee, Steve Kuo and Jason Lee  
Financial services and Accounting

*"No, I don't think they should give smoking tickets. People should have their freedom."*



Darina Gorshkov  
Criminology

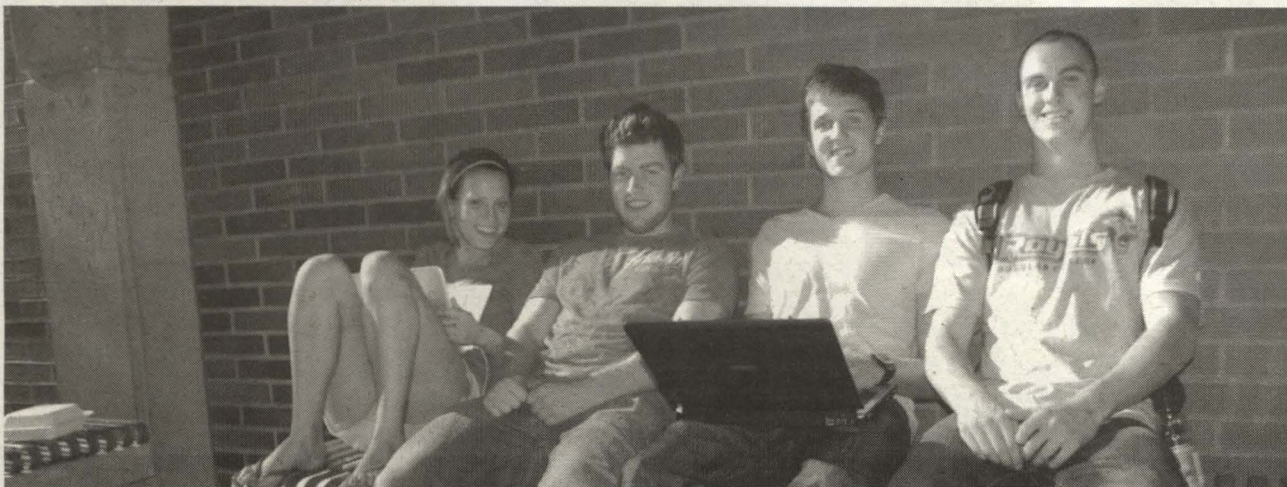
*"Yes, they should. I'm against smoking."*



Jordon Graham, Jessie Paynter  
Stagecraft

*"Yes, because it's disgusting and they should be in the designated areas."*

## Campus Happenings



The gang's all here for a study session.



Business Management Student Tanya Stipica, taking a break between classes.



Criminology student Leisa Parves studying in the concourse.







# Attack of the HST!

The bills are always bigger than the paycheques. I'm struggling to stay afloat, and here comes the HST to push me under.

By Knowlton Thomas Nash

A slogan for the 1998 theatrical marvel, *Godzilla*, was a clever spin on an ancient saying that any boy over the age of ten has probably heard. That saying, of course, is "size matters." And if you're asking yourself, "The size of what...?" then you are either one of three things: a being without genitalia, a mostly unconscious drug addict who is about to use this article that he found in the garbage to sniff coke off of, or a 10-year-old genius who graduated from high school around the same time he was shedding the ol' diaper habit.

Now, where was I? Oh, right, *Godzilla*. This movie is super awesome and—no, wait. That wasn't it. Hmm...

Seriously though. Size matters. The size of my paycheque, that is, and subsequently, my bills. But it doesn't matter how much or how hard I work. Every two weeks, my paycheque comes in and I can't help but be reminded of the poor little Asian man in the middle of the street who looks behind him and sees this goliath dinosaur stampeding though the city. Just as he screams the name of his nemesis soon before his utter demise, so do I: "Visa biiiiiiiiill!!!"

Now, you've likely assumed by now that I'm just some incompetent whining bastard. Untrue, for the most part. A while ago I mailed the provincial government. In my letter, I explained that typical wages for student-level jobs are insufficient, that they fail to provide enough income to pay for books, tuition, transit, etc. and that it's

simply not enough reward for the hard work we perform.

Two days later, Gordon Campbell announced the HST. What the hell? I guess I must have made one big-ass typo.

So let's talk about this HST. The acronym is short for Harmonized Sales Tax, which means the PST and GST will basically be rolled into one tax. But don't think it's as simple as that. In doing so, the GST will rise from 5 per cent to 12 per cent. What does this mean? In short, you'll be paying 7 per cent more money for a whole whack of things, including haircuts, bicycles and restaurant meals. And that's not to mention things that will affect your parents, such as renovations, dry cleaning, and therapy.

In July, Campbell stated, "This is the single biggest thing we can do to improve B.C.'s economy." Is Campbell the one sniffing coke off this paper? The province has shown overwhelming protest to this "improvement," with surveys resulting in up to 82 per cent of British Columbians against the HST implementation. A Facebook group, called "NO BC HST" has over 123,000 members as of late September and continues to grow. Nobody seems agree with him that this is an improvement, except for perhaps his finance minister, who recently extended the year's estimated deficit five-fold. Yep, really good ally there.

But it doesn't end there. Campbell goes on to say that the HST will save businesses money by enabling more things to be tax deductible. And it's true. However, he then digs himself deeper into his pit of lies by suggesting that the businesses,

in turn, will pass on these savings to consumers. What the crock?! When has that ever happened? It's a nice wish, but even Santa can't give us a gift like that. And even if they (the businesses) wanted to pass on savings, a lot couldn't. The restaurant and tourism industries, for example, are already struggling due to the recession and have no wiggle room to cut costs any further. Not to mention the inevitable burst of "temporary" inflation that the joyous Olympics will bring in like a kraken rising from the deep sea to send a surging tidal wave over the innocent beach-dwellers.

Unfortunately, most of the aforementioned beach-dwellers are only concerned with getting too much sand between their toes, or uneven tans. They don't see the impending financial doom. They think once the recession ends, rainbows will fill the sky, gas will cost a dime per gallon, and Pokémon will make a grand comeback (or am I alone there?). Well, regardless, they think *wrong*.

Granted, Campbell *could* be right. The businesses *could* pass on savings, and the economy *could* improve after the HST is implemented. Similarly, I *could* evolve into a Charizard after I finish my college program. Despite what Campbell has said, the sad reality is that he's lying. And why not? He's a master of the craft. For those who don't know, Campbell made it clear to voters during his election campaign that his party had absolutely no intentions of implementing the HST if elected. I guess he also taught this trick of the tongue to B.C. finance minister Colin Hansen, who suggested an impossibly impressive budget

deficit of under \$500 million by the fiscal year's end. Recently, he admitted that deficit was out of whack and it is more realistically closer to \$3 billion. So he 'fessed up. Did Campbell? No. Campbell is a man who sticks to his guns. His filthy, lying guns.

I decided to strengthen my argument by travelling the world and gaining a global insight on this provincial matter. When asked about how he felt about Gordon Campbell and his typhoon of deceit, Pikachu responded, "Pika Pika." Not an easy statement for Mr. Campbell to rebuttal. *Godzilla*, who was surprisingly difficult to locate in spite of his size, said, "Dude has to lay off, man. He's raising the standard of evil for all us monsters. I'm basically a good guy now. Just last week, I was invited to a tea party." Paris Hilton declared he was "so not hot," and also said she had a crush on some dinosaur she met at a tea party last week. Campbell's finance minister, when interrogated in a windowless steel-insulated chamber, vaporized into a subatomic particle and proceeded to escape into a microcosmic black hole. Typical politician!

It looks grim, but there is hope to be had yet: the HST can still be stopped. Campbell's bubble shield can only withstand so much hatred and loathing before it shatters and he is forced to cancel the implementation in recoil. Fight the cause by joining the Facebook group, attending protests, and kicking Mr Campbell in the balls if you see him on the street. Together, we can nip this calamity in the bud. We have the strength of numbers on our side, and size matters.



## How to dress street savvy and keep your textbooks!

A year for retro glam and faux fur

By Stephanie Trembath

As September ends, the school year is well underway leaving students with lighter wallets and heavier backpacks. Soon enough the rain will start, exam and essay headaches will set in, and everyone will be forced indoors for the next four months.

This fall, instead of wearing the same lululemon pants and Ugg boots as everyone else, try acid wash jeans, broad shouldered jackets, and leather... *The Breakfast Club* is officially back in style and its bringing the look of the '80s into 2009.

This season features chunky lace-up shoes rather than last year's colorful rubber boots, the peplum jacket in place of the pea coat, and cropped cigarette pants instead of thick tights. The soft romantic look is done; bubble skirts, soft pastels, and long coats are out this fall, so prepare to fill your closets with neon pink long gloves a la Madonna,

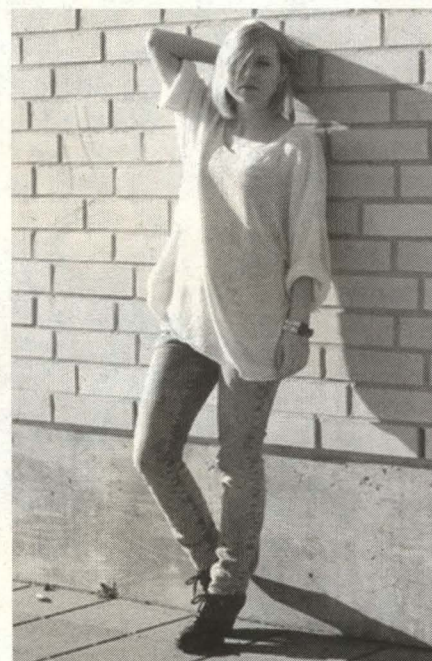
and leather pants and wide-shouldered jackets with narrow waists Michael Jackson style. It's a season of statement; sequins, chain accessories, and velvet are all back and ready to be worn this fall.

For the average students it's too time consuming to look presentable for school, let alone keep up with the latest fashion fad. However, once the weekend hits everyone wants to look good for the hockey game, movie date, or the bar. School fees, transportation, food, weekend events, coffee to get through exams, and other odds and ends that nobody really notices buying (toothpaste, socks, and ziplock bags for instance) all really add up.

This typically makes it harder to put aside the cash to keep buying the latest fashion items, and is why so many people end up looking like they walked out of a lululemon ad. Thanks to the '80s comeback, this season it is possible to be stylish while keeping your credit line in check.

Value Village is a great place to look for vintage clothing and carries a wide variety of acid wash jeans and offbeat jewelry, as well as many other consignment stores where people go to donate their old clothes. If you have a bit more money to burn, H&M has a great selection of jackets in metallic sequins, cropped leather, and faux fur, from \$50 to \$120. Urban Outfitters carries a wide assortment of eclectic accessories to update your look or add some funk to an outfit, and tight cigarette pants for \$60 in purple, deep blue, grey, black and of course, acid wash.

Whether you go vintage or brand new, select pieces that will be fashionable this fall and help create your own signature style, whether it be badass in faux fur and chunky boots, retro with acid wash and neon pink, or classic in leather and defined shoulder jackets. You can't go wrong with style like Madonna, unless you do the big hair and hot pink lipstick.



## Totally Insane for Arkham Asylum

Downloadable content falls short



By Angela Espinoza

As some of you may know, *Batman: Arkham Asylum* announced that it would be releasing two sets of downloadable content within two weeks... and they're both free! Sounds pretty sweet, right? Well... let's just think about it for a moment.

The first downloadable content (DLC) is a map pack entitled *Insane Night*, and was released on September 17. Personally, I had high hopes that maybe they extended the particularly short storyline (à la *Fable 2*). Instead we were given two additional mini games... you can call them "map packs" if you want, but they are just mini games.

The Predator-based mode, known as "Nocturnal Hunter," is really no different

from any of the other Predator games. Your basic tasks are a little trickier, but overall it's nothing new.

What left me satisfied was the free-flow combat challenge, "Totally Insane." In this expansion, you have an unending onslaught of enemies coming at you. It seems like every time one goes down, two more take his place. What makes this game additionally challenging is that those run-and-jump "crazies" are in on it too—so keep your guard up, because those pricks hit hard; armor or no armor.

Overall, the DLC is nothing special—basically, you get what you pay for. Although, it did leave me wondering why they left "Totally Insane" mode out of the game in the first place?

As for the second DLC-pack, *Prey in the Darkness*, we'll just have to see how it is. Its release date is September 24.

## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

### Burn Cottage



By Jay Schreiber, Arts Editor

Bound together through the years by heavy metal riffs and a shared love of music, Burn Cottage are on their way to success.

Formed in Surrey by lead singer Michael Guppy and bassist Sam Eckout, Burn Cottage went through several line changes and name swaps to get to where they are today. After half a decade of drunken rehearsals and the addition of members John Bull and Hunter Muler, the group is now

beginning to make headway in the Vancouver music scene.

"Musically we're serious, but the lyrics are all just fun and games," said Guppy, who describes the group's style as hardcore stoned death metal with a jazz influence. The line-up has remained relatively solid for the past year and a half while they've used the Burn Cottage alias.

Douglas College has been a good jump-off point for Guppy and guitarist John Bull, who both currently spend their daylight hours studying musical theory and practicing their craft. "Believe it or

not, the Douglas College choir has helped a lot with my vocals," Guppy commented

Burn Cottage has released a three-track EP that was recorded in New Westminster last year with then-fifth member, guitarist Darren Gaymes III. Since the guitarist's recent departure from the group, the four remaining members have been working on a full-length album that should be available this winter with plans of a tour as soon as next summer.

Playing venues such as Pub 340 and the soon-to-be-deceased Cobalt Hotel, the

group has developed a steady following amongst young

metal heads. Recent sponsors from Tortex Dunlop guitar picks and plans of filming a music video for the group's song, "Mount Brutal" prove that Cottage have momentum and are not slowing down any time soon.

While musically sound, the group is still looking for a second guitarist who has heavy metal chops, and can shred around 200 bpm. Check out the band's MySpace for contact information, shows and if you just want to check out their sound.



## From Tinseltown to Toontown

Family Guy's Emmy nomination could signal a change in Hollywood's perceptions of animation



Angela Espinoza

Most of us get our short-term television fix from YouTube, but there're still a number of us who watch the good 'ol fashioned boob tube. For those who do, you'll know the 61<sup>st</sup> Primetime Emmy Awards aired on September 20.

Neil Patrick Harris returned to host this year, opening the show with "Put Down the Remote," a musical number on why we shouldn't change the channel. Unlike last year, viewers took his advice mainly because this year's show was far more entertaining. The writing improved, as did the musical additions and comedic skits. But while all these aspects managed to change, the winners didn't.

Once again, *30 Rock* won for Outstanding Comedy and *Mad Men* received the Emmy for drama. Also for a second time, *The Daily Show* beat out *The Colbert Report* for Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy. In the Outstanding Lead Actor (Drama) category, Bryan Cranston won again for *Breaking Bad*, and Glenn Close took a second win for her role in *Damages*.

The Emmys for drama and comedy writing stayed with *Mad Men* and *30 Rock* while this time Toni Collette managed to break this chain of repeats taking the prize for Outstanding Lead Actress (Comedy) in *United States of Tara*. Hometown boy Michael J. Fox won for Outstanding Guest Actor (Drama) in *Rescue Me*, while Ellen Burstyn brought it home for her guest appearance in *Law & Order: SVU*. Justin Timberlake took the cake for his various contributions to *Saturday Night Live*, as did Tina Fey for portraying ex-governor Sarah Palin. Finally, Outstanding Lead Actor for Comedy went to the world's greatest actor: Alec Baldwin for *30 Rock*.

However, one noteworthy difference in this year's nominations was the contenders for Outstanding Comedy Series. *Family Guy* is the first animated series nominated in over 40 years, not since *The Flintstones*. This got me to

thinking: What's changed in animation in that time?

In the 1960s, *The Flintstones* dominated airwaves. With Hannah-Barbera came shows like *The Jetsons*, *Scooby-Doo*, and even claymation shows like *Davey and Goliath*, any bible thumper's wet dream. This was the time of innocent, moral-laced family shows; that is, until the *Bugs Bunny Show* brought an end to the age of innocence.

Henceforth, the action/adventures of the '70s and '80s such as *Super Friends*, *G. I. Joe*, *He-Man* and *Thundercats* became more popular. Of course, there were the female counterparts: *She-Ra*, *Jem* and *Rainbow Brite*. Even tykes had *The Smurfs* and *Care Bears* to look forward to.

In the '90s, the animated world was ruptured by groundbreaking works such as *The Simpsons*, *Batman: The Animated Series*, *Gargoyles*, and *Animaniacs*. Even more so with the MTV-produced adult-oriented surrealist shows such as *The Head*, *Duckman*, *Aeon Flux*, and *The Maxx*. It was also around this time that *Family Guy* made its debut.

MTV-produced shows returned in the new millennium with one-seasoned classics *Clone High* and *Undergrads*. Then through Warner Bros and Cartoon Network came cult favourites *The Oblongs* and *Mission Hill*.

In recent years, the majority of half-decent animated programs come from Adult Swim—the nightly programming block on Cartoon Network. While there are dozens of these, I'll just briefly name *Robot Chicken*, *Metalocalypse*, *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* and *Moral Orel*. Adult Swim has even brought back the surrealist cartoon genre with *12 oz.*, *Mouse* and *Superjail*.

Of course, I can't ignore the recent concept of "internet cartoons." Virtually thousands of shows have enhanced this genre, but some of the more infamous web-series' include *Happy Tree Friends*, *Charlie the Unicorn* and *Home-Star Runner*. Three of my personal favourites include *Salad Fingers*, *On the Moon* and *Baman Piderman*. One can only imagine what animation will be like in 40 another years.



Jay Schreiber  
arts editor

- Thursday Oct 1**  
 Their name is **Motorhead**, and they play rock and roll! Perhaps the most ridiculous billing in Vancouver history, the Vogue theatre will need renovations after the British heavy metal gods storm through and tear the place apart. Supporting acts **Nashville Pussy** and **Reverend Horton Heat** back up the group to show everyone on Granville where the place to be is.
- Friday Oct 2**  
**Bryan Adams** comes through the Orpheum Theatre for a night of mediocre mumble rock that promises to meet Can-Con requirements. As well, the Biltmore Cabaret hosts a CD release party for **You Say Party, We Say Die!** Doors are at 11 p.m. and the show goes until some time in the morning. Check it out if you still have any hearing left over after Motorhead...
- Saturday Oct 3**  
 It's an old school show of good Vancouver bands from yesteryear. **Trooper** gained fame somewhere in the 1980's with their ever-so-singable hit, "Boys in the Bright White Sports Car," and have kept rocking for the last three decades. The show starts around 9 p.m. at the Commodore ballroom.
- Sunday Oct 4**  
 After a loud riotous weekend of deafening music that would leave any concert goers in tears, why not settle down and relax with a nice pint at O'Doul's Pub downtown? Local jazzier **Ross Taggart** plays around 9 p.m. and cover is free. Good beer, good atmosphere, and good tunes make it tough to not enjoy yourself.



Motorhead



## Fucked Up takes home the Polaris Music Prize

By Kristina Mameli

Toronto's Fucked Up have certainly come a long way from their days opening for local bands in the small room of the Croatian Cultural Centre, bleeding for the assorted 30 hardcore kids (half of which were in the other bands). Indeed, having successfully avoided the splatter on multiple occasions, I would never have dreamed that Fucked Up would take home what is rapidly becoming one of Canada's most prestigious music prizes.

But take it home they did.

The 2009 Polaris Music Prize Gala was presented by Sirius Satellite Radio and hosted by Much Music's Sarah Taylor and CBC Radio 3 Vancouver's very own Grant Lawrence, while it streamed live at [muchmusic.com](http://muchmusic.com) and [cbradio3.com](http://cbradio3.com) (as well as on Radio 3's Sirius channel 86). This event marked the first ever pairing of the two media outlets.

This was a year of firsts for the Polaris Prize. Patrick Watson, who won for his 2007 album *Close To Paradise*, was again nominated for his latest *Wooden Arms* along with Joel Plaskett and Chad Vangaalen.

K'Naan, Malajube and Metric were also nominated in 2006. And for the first time in Polaris history, no debut albums made the cut.

Each year, a jury of 182 music journalists, broadcasters and bloggers from across Canada submit their top five Canadian albums released between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009. These picks are then condensed into a top 40 long list. From there, it gets whittled down to a short list of 10. 12 of those Jurors are sequestered when the Gala begins, deliberating on who will win the \$20,000 prize. The prize is then awarded based solely on artistic merit, and not record sales or marketing.

All 10 short list nominees performed at the star-studded gala. Toronto radio station 102.1 the Edge's Alan Cross (host of the Ongoing History Of New Music and Explore Music) introduced Toronto's Metric, who were nominated for their album *Fantazies* and kicked off the evening with a rousing acoustic rendition of their hit single "Gimme Sympathy." Next was Toronto's Great Lake Swimmers, nominated for their album *Lost Channels*. Montreal's Malajube played from their latest *Labrinthes*, before

Montreal's Patrick Watson performed in the middle of the crowd, CBC's Jian Ghomeshi providing auxiliary percussion reminiscent of his MoFru days before introducing Toronto's K'Naan, whose album *Troubadour* was recorded in Bob Marley's original home studio. Halifax's most famous son, Joel Plaskett performed songs with triads being the theme from his triple CD *Three*, which he recorded with his father. Chad Vangaalen, nominated for *Soft Airplane* (b-sides now available for free download at [softairplane.com](http://softairplane.com)), was introduced by legendary author of the *Canadian Music Bible*, Michael Barclay. Elliott Brood nominated for their rootsy album *Mountain Meadows* were next in the stunning showcase of Canadian talent, introduced by the CBC's Amanda Putz. St. John's Hey Rosetta!, nominated for their album *Into Your Lungs*, which was produced by Hawksley Workman, performed just before Fucked Up closed the night with a spirited set.

Fucked Up's enigmatic front man, Damian "Pink Eyes" Abraham, stripped on stage, his gruff vocals providing an interesting contrast to the more pleasant

music atypical of the hardcore punk genre. If the *Chemistry Of Common Life* proves anything, it proves that it is definitely not what you'd expect from a hardcore punk album.

Following a food fight started by Malajube and Patrick Watson and ended by Chad Vangaalen, last year's Polaris winner, Caribou announced the final results to torrents of applause. Pink Eyes and co. graciously accepted the award after first kissing Grant Lawrence on the lips and thanking him for being such an influence with his band the Smugglers.

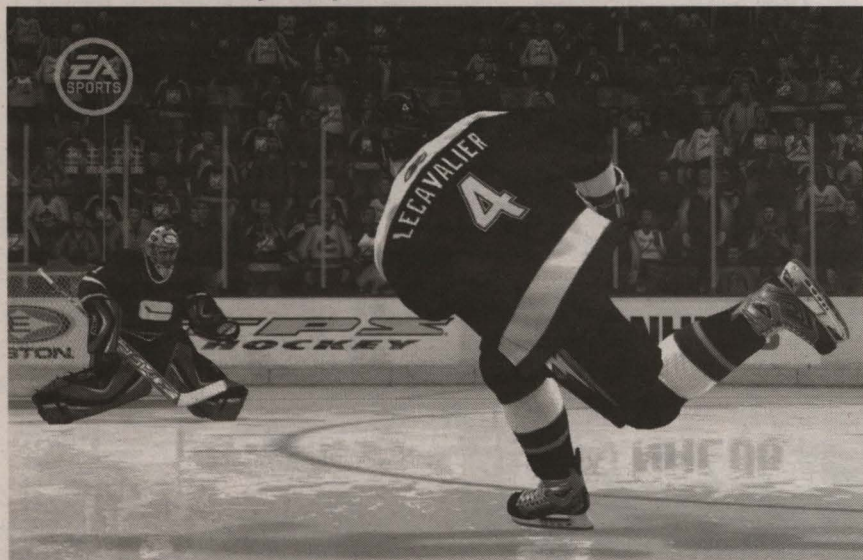
The win marks an interesting turning point in the Canadian music industry, and truly shows why the Polaris Prize is so different from any other as well as why it is so vital.

Expect a compilation of Fucked Up's singles early next year entitled *Couple Tracks: Singles 2001-2009* on Matador Records.

You can find the full gala at [muchmusic.com](http://muchmusic.com) or [cbradio3.com](http://cbradio3.com) in both audio and video podcast form.

## NHL 10, help my addiction, please!

EA's latest adds major improvements



By Jay Schreiber, Arts Editor

For any gamer who loves hockey, this is the ultimate battle. 31 of the most athletic teams in the world duking it out with you at the controls. Yes, that's right, I'm talking about video game heaven.

Since we all know that pre-season hockey is bullshit, Electronic Arts' *NHL 10* couldn't have come soon enough to ease that squirrely feeling that come in the last few weeks before the real games begin. Every year, the virtual game gets better, more intense and even more interactive.

Improvements come by the truck load with more control over players on the ice and a better feel for what the actual game is supposed to be like. Plays against the board add to reality and keeps the game on edge with more battles for the puck.

Fighting is improved drastically by adding first person vision to the game and more accuracy in throwing shots. So long to the days when button bashing could

knock out a player in seconds flat.

Goalies no longer look at the puck while it floats in front of them and in *NHL 10*, the goal defenders have the capability to poke check and interrupt play when the black dot is in reach.

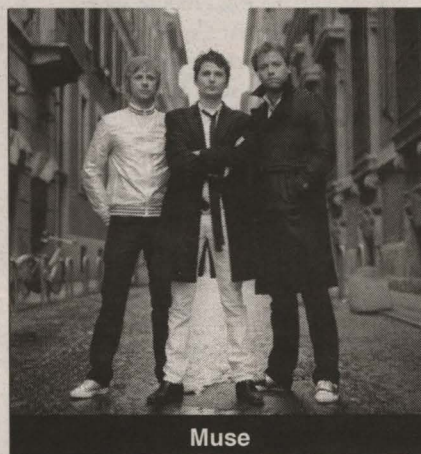
Glitches are at a minimum and new game play modes make the game more interesting. In "Battle for the Cup" mode, two teams are put in the Stanley Cup Finals and expected to play up to seven games in order to win the coveted award.

One thing that I found disturbing is that Roberto Luongo is still not recognized as the captain of the Vancouver Canucks. That's right, ladies and gentlemen, after beating the pitiful Ottawa Senators in a five-game series, it was Willie Mitchel who was the first to hoist the glorious cup for the obviously more deserving team.

Oh, well, it just goes to show how first person fighting and enhanced board play are easy feats for EA Sports but making a goalie the captain is just too damned difficult.

## Wait, I ripped you off first!

What's the big deal about Muse's so-called plagiarism?



By Jay Schreiber, Arts Editor

British Rock band Muse has hit a familiar brick wall. This brick wall is not a physical member of the world around us but a metaphor that represents every rock band that has ever ripped off someone else's music.

In the band's recent hit "Uprising" the group use a similar disco style in minor mode that was once used in several '70s pop hits. YouTubers with no life have gone so far as to analyze every element of Muse's new song.

The drum beat is eerily familiar to that of one-hit-wonder Gary Glitter's "Rock and roll Part 2" while the chord changes and melodic line are surprisingly parallel to that of Billy Idol's "White Wedding." The high-pitched guitar squeals mimic Blondie's vocals on 1980s mega hit "Call Me" as well as keeping the same feel of that song.

In all fairness, people on YouTube need to get a life and stop digging for similarities between different artists. Honestly, you 40-year-old virgins need to get off your ass and begin socializing with objects that don't involve circuit boards.

Truth be known, hundreds of popular

artists rip each other off relentlessly and even rely on suing each other as a way to make a living. Recently disbanded Oasis has been caught in the middle of such debaucheries many times.

Oasis released several tracks that directly rip off melodies and chord structures that were written by the Beatles. Furthermore, Oasis became disgruntled when Green Day's "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" identically mimics the Brit-pop band's biggest hit, "Wonderwall." Hello, my name is pot, and the kettle is black.

Music rips itself off relentlessly. It's like blaming someone for buying the same car that you have, when in actuality there are hundreds of similar models on the road in any given city.

In Beethoven's 6th Symphony, he quotes his musical icon Mozart's melodic lines that were composed 30 some odd years before. Is this bad? Does this discredit the piece of work itself?

Scientific studies have been conducted to see what the human reaction to organized tonal series and how it effects their emotions. They have concluded that the majority of people enjoy formulaic song structure with usually three verses and a catchy chorus. The length should be between three and five minutes depending on tempo.

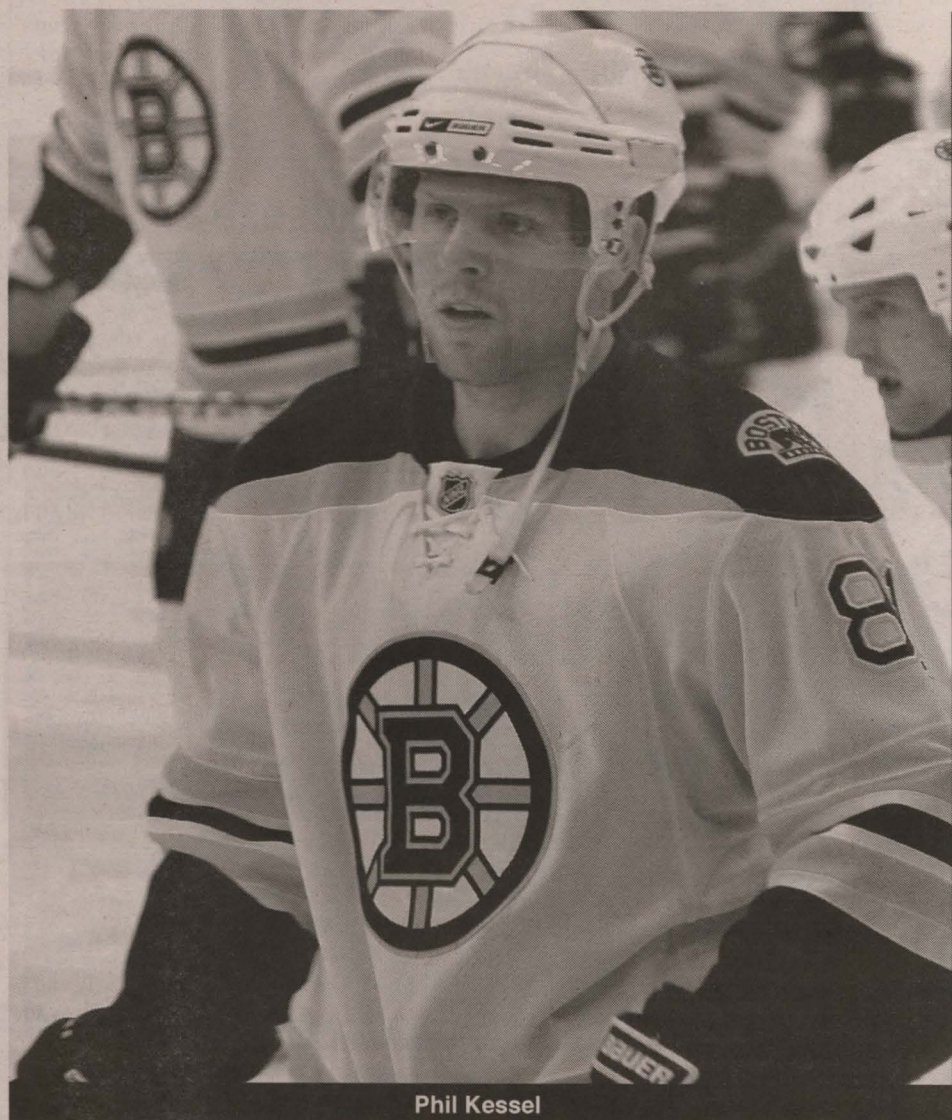
Further studies have gone so far as to discover which pitches affect humans and has found that people enjoy hearing notes between D2 and F5 on a piano keyboard. Research into what types of pitch (i.e. electric guitar, piano, synth) resulted inconclusively as it is too closely related to a person's personal preference.

Bands that release music similar to pieces composed by other artists have only found a similar way to make a radio hit.

Congratulations Muse, you discovered what people like to hear and recorded it!



## Boston's big mistake



Phil Kessel

By Garth McLennan, Sports Editor

Professional sports are filled with emotion, that's often what makes it so fun to watch. Unfortunately though, that same emotion can also come back to bite teams and players. That is the case going on now for the Boston Bruins.

2008-09 was a tremendous season for the Bruins. They revitalized their team and recharged the city's long hockey history by finishing first in Eastern Conference during the regular season and sweeping the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of last year's playoffs before bowing out to the upstart Carolina Hurricanes.

A huge reason for the team's success was the play of American sniper Phil Kessel. The 21-year old, in just his third NHL season, finished third in team scoring with 60 points and fired 36 goals, which led the defensively minded club. He did all this despite missing ten games with injury and mononucleosis.

When the off-season rolled around, Kessel was without a contract as a restricted free agent. Months of negotiating with the Bruins' brass turned sour, with both sides getting increasingly frustrated and venting to the media. Eventually the insults began to fly in early September and both sides said that a deal was basically out of the realm of possibility.

That led to Boston dealing Kessel to the Toronto Maple Leafs in exchange for two first round draft picks (in 2010 and 2011) and a 2010 second round pick. Kessel immediately came to terms with the Maple Leafs, as he signed a five-year, \$27 million pact with Toronto almost as soon as the trade was finalized.

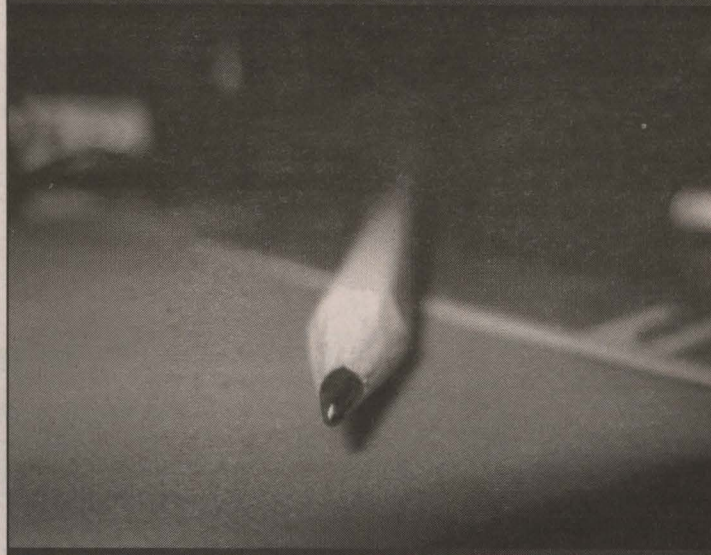
Despite the comments from Bruins'

players and management about how this isn't a big loss, nothing could be further from the truth. In all likelihood, losing Kessel, and getting nothing but draft picks in return, is going to devastate Boston. Phil Kessel was supposed to be a franchise cornerstone for Boston. They drafted him fifth overall in 2006 and he made the NHL straight out as an 18 year old. Kessel contracted testicular cancer in his rookie campaign, but didn't let that slow him down and still played 70 games. At the end of the year he was awarded the Bill Masterson Trophy as the NHL's comeback player of the year.

Since then, Kessel has established himself as a real game-breaker. He's one of the most gifted dekers in the NHL, has blinding speed and dazzling ability with the puck. He can score from just about anywhere on the ice and has a tremendous shot. Losing a bona-fide 40 goal scorer, with 50 goal and beyond potential, who is their leading goal scorer would be a huge blow for any team. For a squad like the Bruins, who have struggled to fill the net in recent years, it could prove to be disastrous.

Meanwhile, Toronto has now improved dramatically. They still aren't a contender yet, but they've acquired a future superstar, if he isn't already, that could very well lead the league in goals within two to three years. Despite Boston GM Peter Chiarelli's views, Kessel has proven to be loaded with character. He's battled back time and time again from situations beyond his control to become a deadly scoring threat. If he can stay healthy and be allowed to play his game, don't be surprised if this summer goes down as a true turning point for the Maple Leafs, and downfall moment for the Bruins.

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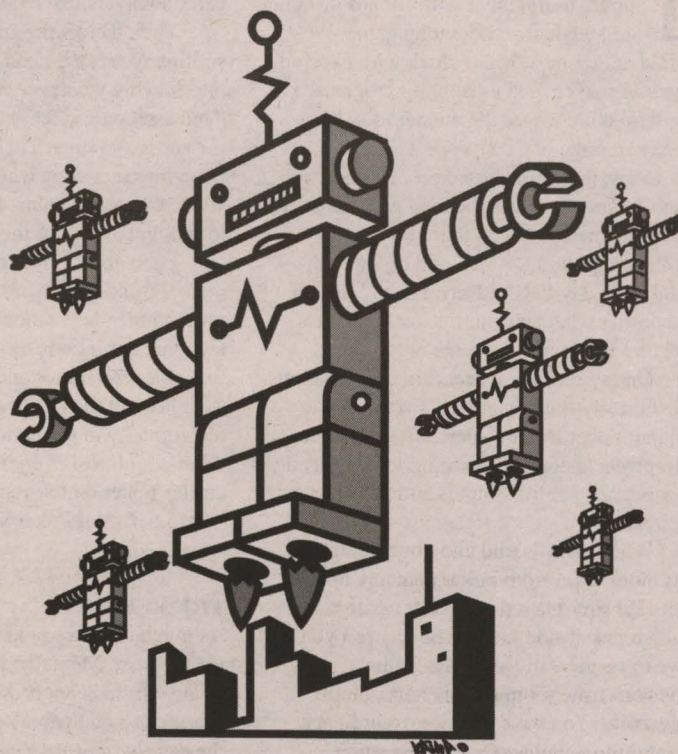
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## Poker



By **Garth McLennan**, Sports Editor

**T**his past weekend I put together a big poker tournament with friends of mine and we had a good, long game. We started at around seven o'clock with two full tables of players and eventually progressed to one final table where the winner took home the grand prize of \$200.

Now, this game lasted around eight and a half hours. As it was, I ended up winning the tournament and was there for around the entire thing. At the end of the night, or the next day I should say, I found myself wondering whether or not poker was a real sport.

On the surface, it seems like a ridiculous question. By looking at it, it's very easy to say that poker is *not* a sport. After all, there is zero physical contact, seemingly little physical exertion; all you're doing is sitting in a chair for hours.

When all was said and done though, I was more worn from poker than any hockey game I'd ever played in my life. With a few quick breaks aside, to play poker well you have to be mentally sharp for hours at a time with little room for any sort of lapse in judgement. You have to pay extraordinary attention to detail and track the betting patterns and strategies of the players around you while at the same time devising your own strategy for success. You have to do frequent, on-the-spot number crunching to quickly calculate the odds of making any given hand, all the while trying to make it look like you're not doing exactly that. You have to take into account the varying chip stacks of everyone else at the table and anticipate their reactions

to whatever you do. You have to constantly adjust your game and style of play to suit who's in and out of each hand, and when certain players leave the table.

Then there's the added mental pressure of waiting for strong hand and not being bullied into playing whatever you're dealt. A good hand can come often, but it can also disappear for hours at a time. There are the heart-pounding scenarios where you're suffering in silence, hoping against hope for the right card to fall on the turn or the river.

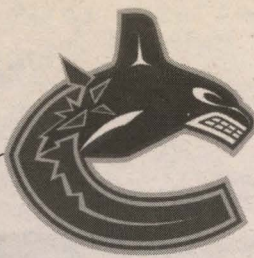
Plain and simple, poker is a furious mental grind. It may not require you to bench press tremendous amounts of weight or run fast, but it still calls for an incredible sum of fortitude, endurance and stamina.

Plus, in the last few years, poker has risen meteorically in the national consciousness. After all, almost every major sports network carries poker on television, and the annual World Series of Poker has become a mega-event.

### THE VERDICT:

As much as I love poker, I have to say that it isn't a sport. Mentally, it can be just as taxing as any physical sport out there. But physically it just can't compare. Yes, it is tiring, but in the end that just isn't enough. Consider the aforementioned World Series of Poker. This year featured the oldest competitor in history, Jack Ury, who was 96. It's tough for me to classify something as a sport when its main event has a 96-year-old participant.

Poker requires a tremendous amount of skill, just as much as most sports, but in the end, poker is not a sport.

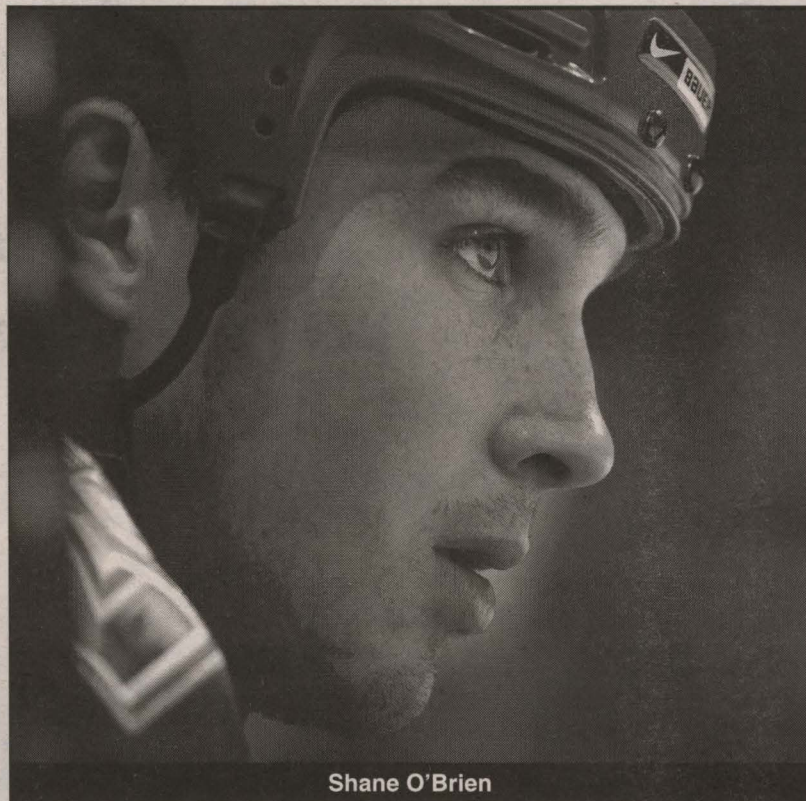


## Canucks Corner



**Garth McLennan**  
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## O'Brien can feel the squeeze



**Shane O'Brien**

By **Garth McLennan**, Sports Editor

**O**ne of the most anticipated parts of the upcoming season for the Canucks is about how successful the newly bolstered defence corps will be. After Mattias Ohlund departed for Tampa Bay, a void was left for several weeks. Soon however, that was filled when GM Mike Gillis went out and signed veteran rushing defenseman Mathieu Schneider and swung a trade with the San Jose Sharks to bring in Christian Ehrhoff and Brad Lukowich.

While all of this was going on, one person was quietly forgotten about by most Canucks fans. Rugged defenseman Shane O'Brien went from being a guy who was presumed to be inheriting most of Ohlund's ice time to quite possibly off the team.

With Kevin Bieksa, Willie Mitchell, Alex Edler, Sami Salo, Ehrhoff and Schneider seemingly entrenched as the top six, plus O'Brien, Lukowich, Aaron Rome and Lawrence Nycholat all here, Vancouver now has 10 defensemen on one-way contracts. They currently have \$23.125 million invested in their defence, and that's without a bona fide superstar in the line-up. With the Canucks seriously pressed against the salary cap, that's a lot of money tied up in a backend whose leading scorer had just 43 points last year.

While O'Brien is a reasonable cap hit at \$1.6 million, he's clearly on the outside looking in when it comes to the top six in terms of talent. In 77 NHL games last season, he didn't score

once and had just 10 assists. However, he established himself as a guy who brought it every single night and at six-foot-three, 224 pounds, brought much needed size and toughness to the Vancouver roster, as evidenced by his 196 penalty minutes.

But if he is unable to crack the top six and play every night, is O'Brien worth keeping around? After all, for a team presently over the salary cap, should the Canucks really be paying their seventh and presumably eighth defensemen \$1.6 and \$1.8 (Lukowich) million? That seems like an easy place to cut costs.

There is also zero chance of O'Brien going through waivers. At just 26 years of age and with a ton of upside, he'd be snapped up by another club in a second. He could be used as trade bait, along with Lukowich, who is a solid veteran with a Stanley Cup ring, but there is little chance that Vancouver would get fair value back seeing as how they are trying to dump salary, unless they fleeced another team in draft picks, which is unlikely to happen.

That leaves both parties in an odd spot. After all, O'Brien can't be happy. He's fully capable of playing 15-18 minutes per night and has shown himself to be a valuable commodity. However, barring a blow-everyone-away showing at training camp, he may not be able to make the Canucks this year with the money he's earning.

It'd be a shame to lose such a good player because of an economic squeeze, but that's the way the game works in a salary cap world.



## Lawrie makes history at U of W



Danielle Lawrie

By Garth McLennan, Sports Editor

**T**he Washington Huskies football team may have scored a history-making upset against the USC Trojans last week, but the school's best athlete doesn't compete on the gridiron.

No, it is on the softball field where Langley superstar pitcher Danielle Lawrie has established herself as one of the best college athletes on the planet.

Lawrie, who is entering her senior year with the University of Washington, led U of W to a national championship at the College World Series in Oklahoma City, the school's first ever. She dominated the tournament, going 5-1 and even hitting a game winning grand slam and it all culminated last week at the Huskies football game, where she and the rest of the Huskies softball team were presented with their national championship rings and where Lawrie was awarded the Honda Sports Trophy as the NCAA's top female athlete among 12 different sports and the 2009 USA Softball player of the year award.

It has been a tremendous year for Lawrie, who captains the Huskies. She's played for Team Canada in some capacity since she was 15 years old, she was the MVP of the 2006 Canada Cup, where Canada won a silver medal, and suited up at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. That forced her to redshirt her Huskies 2008 campaign, but she was back with a vengeance in 2009, her junior season. She finished up the year with a ridiculous 37-7 record to push her total to 91-36, pitched a pair of no-hitters and

set an all-time strikeout record with 472. Her ERA was a miniscule 0.84 and she has one of the most feared changeups in the sport.

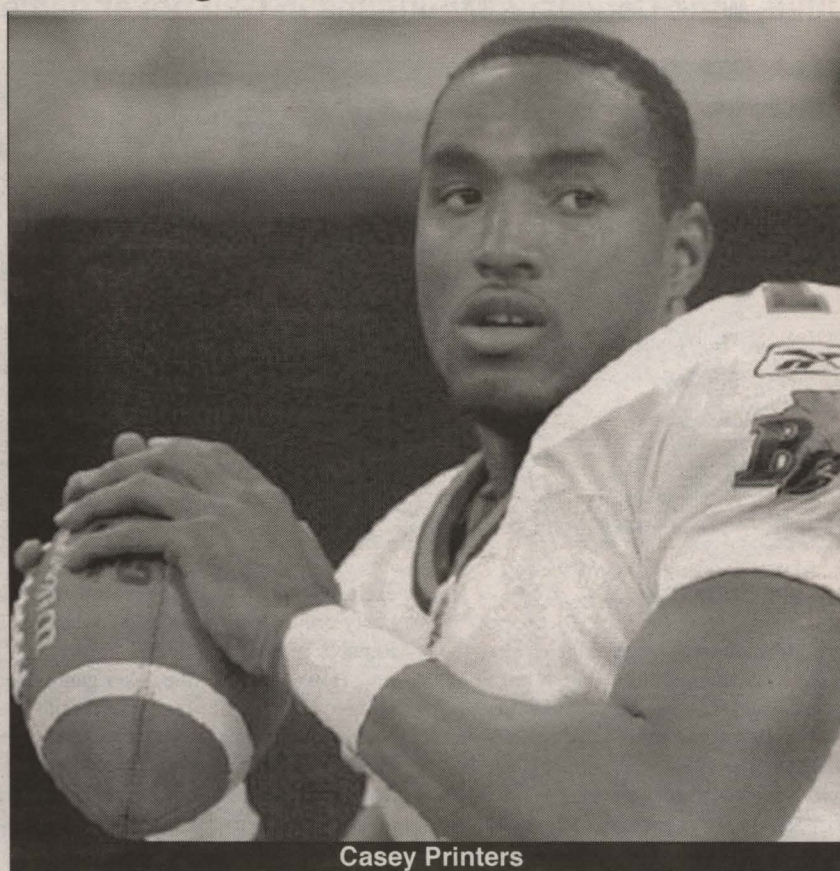
2009 wasn't just about winning a major championship for Lawrie, even though that's more than most could ask for, it was also about making history. She blew away six U of W records this season (wins, strikeouts, shutouts, innings pitched, compete games and starts).

Consider this: Since she arrived in Washington, Lawrie has set and re-set the all time school mark for strikeouts each year. Right now, with a career total of 1,316 strikeouts after just three seasons (which has already surpassed legendary American pitcher Jennie Finch) Lawrie is already ranked 15<sup>th</sup> on the all time NCAA strikeout list.

Lawrie's season was marked by her remarkable performance in back-to-back games on May 17 against UMass, where she played both games and threw an inhuman 395 pitches in one day. The second game, an essential one for the Huskies to stay in the playoff race, lasted five and a half hours and went an incredible 15 innings. The Huskies eventually prevailed 6-1 behind Lawrie's marathon effort.

There's no limit to how many records will fall in Lawrie's senior year with Washington. She rightly received a thunderous ovation from 70,000-plus football fans at Husky stadium and with Lawrie on the mound and leading the team, there's no telling how far the Huskie's will go this year.

## Printers gets second chance with Lions



Casey Printers

By Garth McLennan, Sports Editor

**T**he BC Lions just proved that almost anything is possible in the world of professional sports. Despite a prolonged and messy falling out several years ago, Casey Printers is once again a member of the BC Lions.

Just a few months ago, the mere suggestion of Printers joining the Lions seemed ludicrous. After all, isn't this the same Casey Printers who, after winning the CFL MVP award back in 2004, caused a distracting and eventually disastrous quarterback controversy with Dave Dickenson? Isn't this the guy who spurned a three-year, \$1 million contract offer from the Lions, split the locker room in half and then bolted to the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs at the earliest opportunity?

Well, yes and no. Since leaving Vancouver, Printers has had a few humbling experiences to say the least. He completely flamed out with the Chiefs and got cut before the regular season even began. He then spent 2006 and 2007 on the Chiefs practice roster before washing out of the NFL in late 2007.

Just a few days after getting released by Kansas City, Printers signed a mega-deal (at least by CFL standards) with the perennially horrible Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Hamilton made him the highest paid player in the CFL, signing him to a reported \$500,000 per year pact. However, with a terrible supporting cast, Printers lasted just five months with the Tiger-Cats before getting released and effectively becoming a free agent that wasn't exactly arousing too much interest, especially after Hamilton started their current campaign off better than they had in years.

Rumours persisted all summer that Printers might make a return to B.C., but the logical evidence suggested otherwise. It was widely assumed that

Printers had long since burned his bridge with Lions' GM and head coach Wally Buono. Plus, B.C. was already considered to be deep at quarterback with co-starters Buck Pierce and Jarious Jackson.

Then however, a funny thing happened. The Lions bombed to start the season, and the play of both Pierce and Jackson was average at best. The frequently injured Pierce, who has proven over the years to be one of those guys who does a decent job but not much more than that, suffered another concussion and Jackson didn't exactly step up and steal the starting job.

Then, when Jackson went down with a rotator cuff injury that is expected to sideline him for the remainder of the season, Buono went to Printers. Pierce was activated and led the Lions to a win against the terrible Toronto Argonauts, but his performance wasn't exactly inspiring. Ticket sales for the game, despite being held on a clear Saturday night, plummeted from the normal 32,000 or so to just 27,000. With a 5-6 record, that number wasn't exactly surprising.

With Printers though, expect that to change in a hurry. Love him or hate him, this is a guy that can sell tickets. He's a proven commodity who can scramble with the best of them and, despite their assets, is miles beyond Pierce and Jackson in terms of talent.

Printers said all the right things when he arrived in Vancouver. In a candid interview with the TEAM 1040, Printers talked about how lucky he was to receive another opportunity and about how he didn't care if he started or backed up, he was just glad to be here.

Hopefully, Printers has turned a corner. With his ability on the field, if he can learn to be a good teammate, as he's promised he has, then the Lions can do great things.



## China wins Caucasus Mountains in G20 poker game



By Liam Britten

Tensions were high at the close of the G20 summit in Pittsburgh last Friday, when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev lost the entire Caucasus region of his country to Chinese President Hu Jintao during a friendly poker game.

Although the game of Texas hold 'em started off friendly enough, Medvedev reportedly became increasingly agitated and irritated after losing to Jintao repeatedly over the course of several rounds. The Russian president reportedly began using foul language and offering ridiculous wagers to his Chinese counterpart, far above the 20 ruble stakes agreed to at the start of the match.

Finally, Medvedev raised Jintao the oil-rich Caucasus region and Jintao called by wagering Taiwan.

"This international poker game may be the shrewdest negotiating that Jintao has ever accomplished," said professional poker player Daniel Negreanu. "Medvedev accepted the call based on China's claim of authority over the breakaway republic, despite have not actually controlled the island since 1949. The Central Committee will be enamoured by Jintao's quick-thinking, I'm sure."

After declaring himself all-in, Medvedev was horrified to watch as his pocket fours were beaten by three jacks for Jintao, both coming off of the flop. An

excited Jintao immediately began drafting a treaty ceding the large region to the People's Republic.

However, while the poker game may seem to have finalized the transfer of territory, Russian authorities are challenging the game's legitimacy. They are claiming that the Joker was still in the deck, and are investigating whether or not Jintao's dealing of the cards was done in the right order.

However, the Chinese are saying that the game was legitimate, citing a precedent set by the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1922, which gave the Republic of Ireland independence based on a game of backgammon.

Regardless of how the appeals are played out, the blunder has cost Medvedev a great deal of popularity and good will.

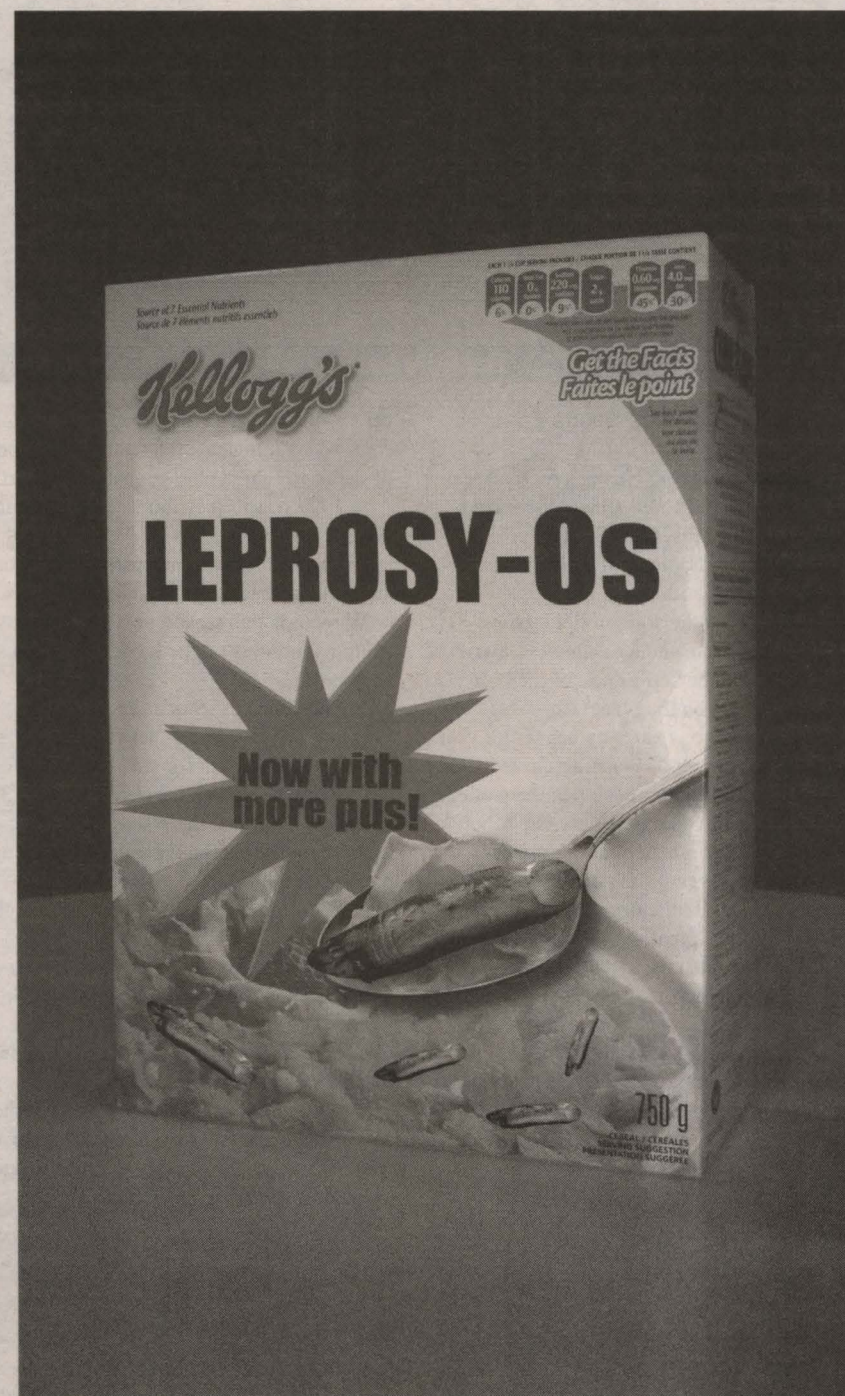
"Obviously, with the changers territorially to Russia in the wake of the Cold War, the rise of the CIS and Chechen independence movement, this sort of monumental shift in national fortunes will be very traumatic for a country that has changed so much over the past 20 years," said Dr. Chandra Muzaffar of Harvard University's Center for International Studies. "And besides, who goes all in on pocket fours? That's just stupid."

Russia has announced plans to win back the Caucasus Mountains on a dice game at the next meeting of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific with Siberia up for grabs.

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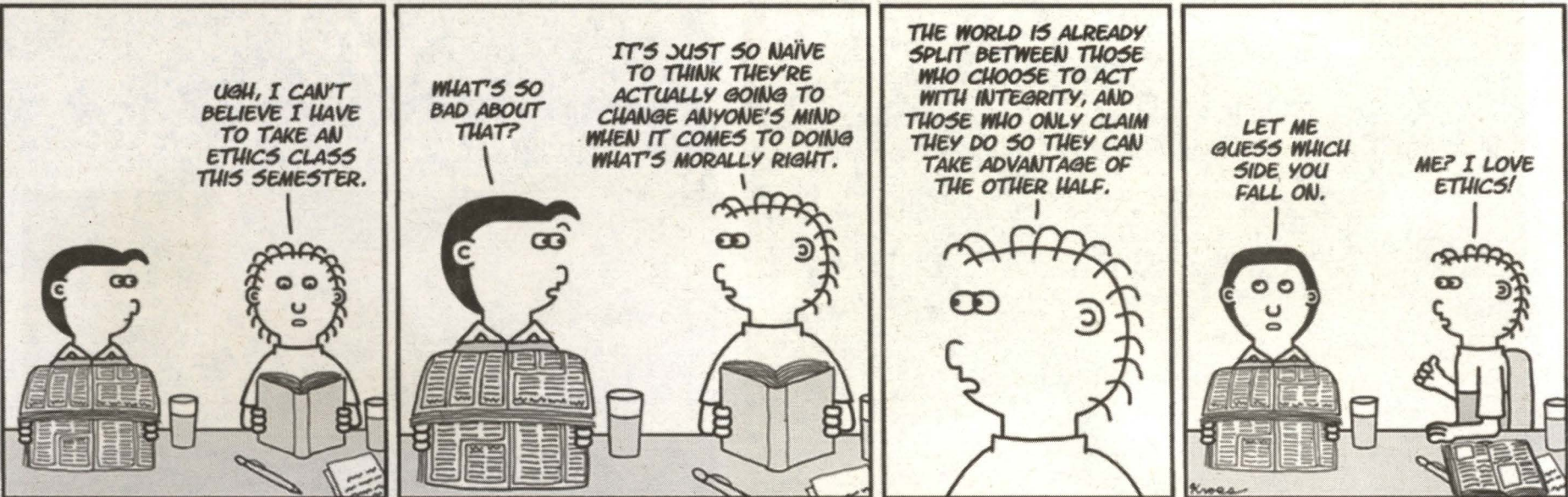
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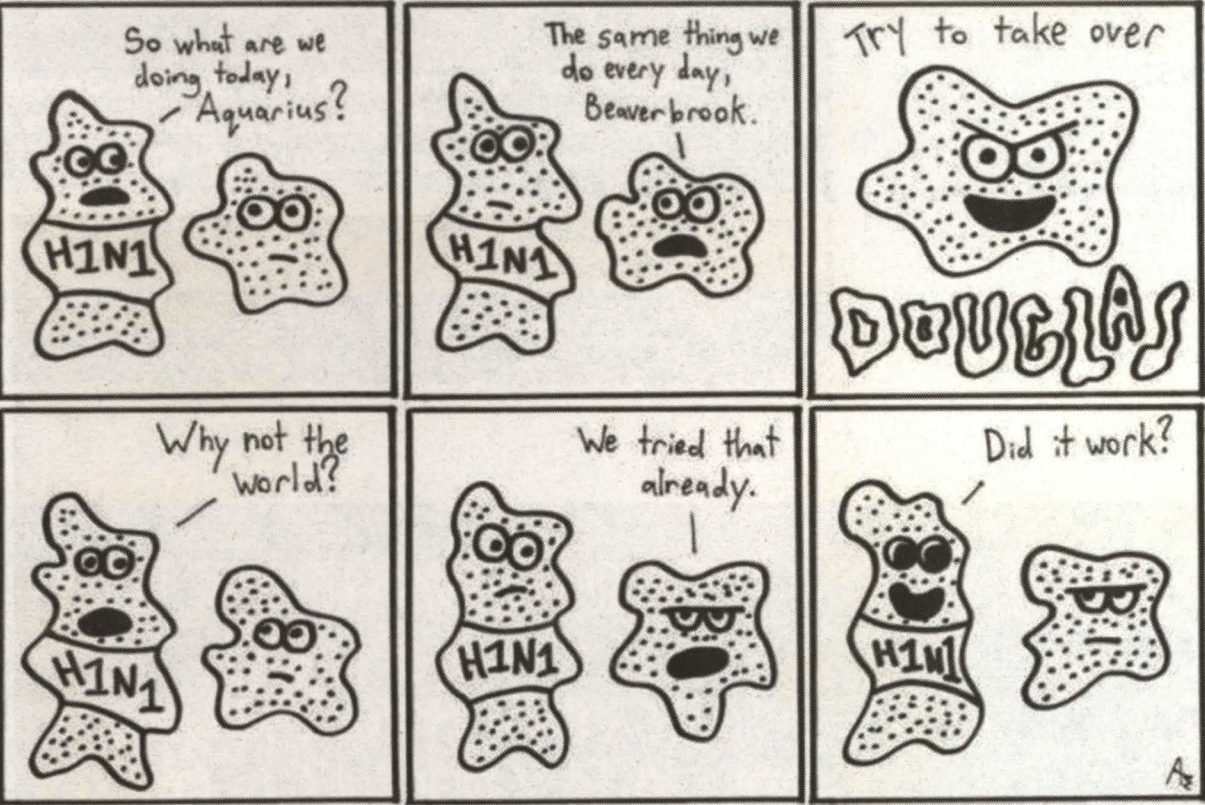
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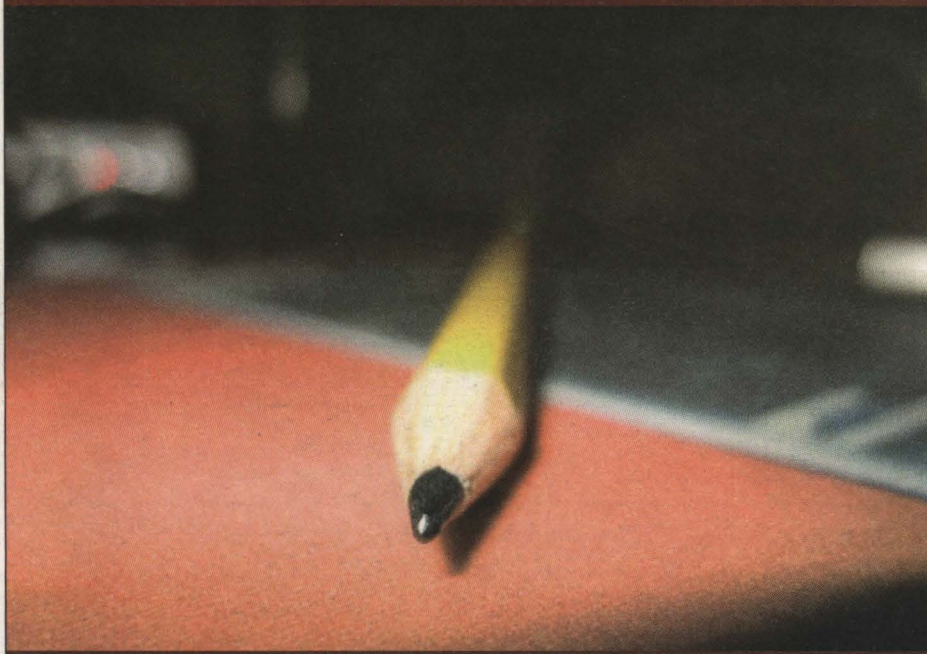
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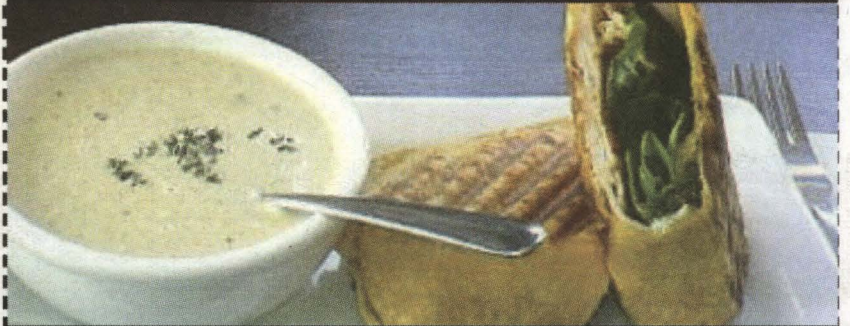
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